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The Ministry of Public Health (MPH) is charged with coordinating the PRC's drug policy. For narcotics matters, the Ministry of Public Security and the Customs Service come under the Ministry of Public Health's umbrella, at least on paper. Although the MPH controls the considerable sums given to the PRC by the UN for narcotics study and control, the training money provided by the U.S. through the DEA has flowed to the Ministry of Public Security. This is in part because of the MPS' emphasis on law enforcement -- they are the ones who actively go out and interdict drug traffickers. The MPH, on the other hand, is not interested in police work. It takes the lead on international conferences and the treatment of drug abuse.

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